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### Message from the president of the IAHR

It gives me great pleasure to welcome the participants of the International Congress for the History of Religions in Rome.

Forty years have passed since the first congress after World War Two was convened in Amsterdam in 1950, and those of us who were fortunate enough to participate in this meeting still remember those days and the seminar talks with gratitude.

Gratitude is also due to all those officers in the Executive Committee and the International Committee who have helped to shape the organisation during the last four decades. For new developments are visible here as everywhere in the world of scholarship: the stronger participation of women as well as the expansion of the IAHR into areas where History of Religions is a comparatively new field. We are happy to see among us representatives of the five continents, and we sincerely hope that the next forty years - forty being the number of patience and slow maturing- will be a period during which the study of religion will gain its legitimate place everywhere, and will be approached by scholars from various religious backgrounds who bring with them the tools of different scholarly disciplines.

I wish the conference in Rome much success, and hope that the participants will enjoy fruitful and stimulating meetings.

Annemarie Schimmel

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### Report by the Secretary-General

When five years have passed after the previous Congress of the IAHR it is usual for the Secretary-General to provide a report on the intervening period. However during the last five years a simple but, I hope, informative bulletin has been sent regularly to three officers of each national association. Moreover a meeting of the International Committee was held in Marburg, in 1988, which was quite well attended and at which a good number of matters were attended to. Of course the various representatives change from time to time, and so too do many of the Congress participants. For this reason some of the information has been assembled in a special issue of the IAHR Bulletin which, in a general sense, may be regarded as one long report. I hope this will be helpful.

In view of this my immediate report concentrates on one theme to which I have devoted some efforts during the past five years, namely the regional diversification of the IAHR. In spite of some important exceptions, notably Japan (which has provided the IAHR over the years with a major Congress, an extremely distinguished Congress Patron, and Executive Committee members including vice-presidents) there has been a tendency for the activities of the IAHR, including conferences and publications, to be centred on so-called "western countries". Yet much of the subject matter in the study of religion is located in other regions where, nowadays, it is also in fact studied. Some of the underlying reasons for this, and the alternatives open to us, were considered at the Special Conference in Marburg two years ago, and those interested may like to take note of the proceedings which have since been published. However I should like to dwell here on the practical steps which have been taken and on some of the perspectives for the future, for there is much work still to be done.

One of the most important tasks of the General Assembly will be the affiliation of recently founded associations from various parts of the world. On this occasion, if the International Committee recommends those which have been handed in most recently, no less than seven applications will be considered. I intend to say a few words about these because they illustrate the principle of regional diversification graphically. Further information may be sought from the representatives who are present during the next few days, and I hope that a special welcome will be extended to them.

First another word about the General Assembly itself. The quinquennial meeting will be held on Saturday August 8th as shown in the Congress programme. The Assembly is open to all participants at the Congress who are also members of their affiliated national associations. Other participants may of course be present as observers. It should be remembered that the main representative forum of the IAHR is the International Committee, in which every national association has a direct voice and which discusses and adopts major policy decisions. The International Committee elects the Executive Committee including the officers of the IAHR. The Executive Committee deals with practical implications and forward

planning. Although the General Assembly cannot deal with many detailed questions it does have a most important public function. Apart from the affiliations already mentioned it will also be asked this time to approve some minor amendments to the statutes which have been recommended by the International Committee. These are set out on a special sheet which is also included in this bulletin. In the meantime any participants who have detailed questions or suggestions about the running of the IAHR are requested to contact the representatives of their national associations who will be meeting, as the International Committee, on Wednesday (August 5th).

This is the fourth major Congress at which Chinese participation has been possible. Within the last two years intensive correspondence and conversations (in which Prof. Hubert Seiwert has rendered particular assistance) led to the point where it was possible to publish the statutes of a restructured Chinese Association for the Study of Religion in the IAHR Bulletin. An extensive list of committee members has also been supplied and an IAHR regional conference in China is proposed for the autumn of 1991. On this basis I hope that the formal affiliation of the Chinese association can now be effected. Representing it at the Congress for this purpose is Professor Kong Fan from Beijing, who will be able to answer any questions which you may have.

It is well known that the history of religions in Indonesia has been particularly complex right up until present times. In this case the correspondence has centred on Yogyakarta, where various specialists in the study of religion are active. Assistance in the establishment of these contacts has come from diverse quarters. A recently formed Indonesian Society for the Comparative Study of Religion has applied for affiliation and is represented here by Dr. Burhanuddin Daya. This application is also of great interest, both because of the Islamic context of religious studies in Indonesia and because of the value of Yogyakarta as a potential conference venue for the IAHR.

Thirdly I have especial pleasure in reporting the application of the recently formed Asociacion Latinoamericana para los estudios de las Religiones, at whose foundation meeting I was privileged to be present earlier this year. In Latin America it is quite essential to have a regional association because several of the individual countries simply would not be able to maintain full-scale organisations of their own. (The exception has proved to be Mexico.) This development in Latin America has been carried forward in particular by Professor Elio Masferrer Kan, who is also present at this Congress. A scientific review, Religiones Latinoamericanas, with an annual bibliographical issue is also about to be launched, and for this I have been able to secure the promise of long-term financial support via the participation of the IAHR in the UNESCO-based Council for Philosophical and Humanistic Studies.

The fourth major region in which new developments are in progress is the Soviet Union. We have among us two representatives of the recently formed Sovietskaya Assatsiatsiya Istorikov Religii, for

which affiliation to the IAHR is also sought. As late as May this year, at the opening of the excellent Regional Conference in Helsinki, the fairly numerous Soviet participants were requested to consider the possibility of founding an appropriate association. As a result extremely cordial relations were established with colleagues from various cities. There had of course been earlier contacts, developed especially by Professors Juha Pentikäinen, Witold Tyloch, Jacques Waardenburg and myself. It is well known that organisational questions in the Soviet Union are no less complex than in other large countries, and it has been and still will be difficult to balance the needs of the different major centres: Leningrad, Moscow, Novosibirsk, not to mention other places such as Syktyvkar; and of the different types of scholars who specialise in religion: orientalists, anthropologists, philosophers, etc.. To be frank, the degree of integration which one might like to see has not yet been achieved. However I believe that it can be developed and that the proposal made by Professor Pishchik, which I was able to discuss with him in detail in Moscow this summer, is a most valuable starting point and worthy of our support. It is my hope that an IAHR Regional Conference can be organised before too long in a major Soviet centre.

These four applications for affiliation come from major, distinct regions of the world, each with its own fascinating history of religions and complex contemporary phenomena. The representatives of these regions at this Congress are few in number. However the number of specialists in these places who are working on religion, our largely unknown colleagues, is very great. We all help both each other and ourselves if we support these affiliations, not merely by an act of approval at the General Assembly, but by continued practical support in the coming years.

At its most recent meeting (Marburg 1988) the International Committee passed a recommendation that the North American Association for the Study of Religion (NAASR) should be affiliated. Although United States participation (via the ASSR) has always been significant, this new association will open the membership to a wider circle of specialists in the study of religion than was possible hitherto. This will not affect the voting strength of the Canadian association. In accordance with the political trend in Canada however there has also been formed a Société Québécoise pour l'Étude de la Religion which has, with the agreement of the existing Canadian association, applied for affiliation. This application still has to be considered by the International Committee. In view of the number of people engaged in the study of religion in North America some complexity in the institutional arrangements is no doubt unavoidable. On this background, and considering the great differences in size between some of the affiliated associations, especially the size of the regions which they represent, it may be desirable at some future stage to consider the numerical voting rules from a more realistic viewpoint. Most of the European countries are smaller than either California or Quebec; on the other hand their long-standing IAHR-affiliated associations are in many cases extremely strong, and

undoubtedly deserve independent representation even in the context of increasing European integration.

I said that there were seven applications for affiliation, and so far have only mentioned six. The relaxed political situation in Eastern Europe has also borne fruit in other ways for the IAHR. At the Special Conference in Warszawa last year, just as Mr. Mazowiecki was forming his new government, a crucial contact was established which led to the efficient foundation, with statutes and a good members list, of the Czechoslovak Association for the Study of Religion. This association, represented here in Rome by Dr. Papousek and Dr. Balaban, also seeks affiliation. It may be said that this development is entirely due to the loyal work of Professor Tyloch and others in Warszawa. During the same months, but rather as a result of the Helsinki conference mentioned already, the Hungarian association has been revitalised under new leadership; however this will not require a new affiliation procedure. In general we may certainly say that the IAHR has kept pace with the developments in Eastern Europe, but I would like to emphasise that this has been possible partly because of the contacts maintained during all those years when such things were less fashionable. I believe we should take the same approach in other areas where difficulties may be experienced sometimes.

The newly formed associations will continue to need support in various ways, especially from those strong and reliable member groups which run their affairs well, pay their subscriptions, keep their list of members up-to-date, publish their rules and hold their elections, and maintain a good flow of information among their members about the activities of the IAHR. For various reasons some of our existing member groups do not always achieve all these goals. Sometimes they even go into a brief, and I hope, refreshing sleep, from which they need to be awakened by the Secretary-General. Perhaps these organisational questions may seem rather dull at times. I sometimes share this view. There are more interesting things in life, such as research and ideas, physical occupations, music and poetry. However if the national associations are not organised well, many interesting colleagues fail to meet each other, and this is a loss for all concerned. In particular, if an association is centred on one strong personality, without any real organisation, it is difficult to know what to do when he or she retires from the scene. For this reason I would like to call upon all of you to take an interest in your own national association and to make sure that it functions in an appropriate way. Simple things such as a copy of the rules of association and a list of members may be essential to maintain communication in changing circumstances.

As to the future regional diversification of the IAHR, there is considerable interest in Africa south of the Sahara. Two strong associations are represented at the Congress, but a regional conference is proposed for a third country, namely Zimbabwe. There is more about Africa in the minutes of the International Committee. Looking elsewhere it may be noted that the largest single country

without any formal representation in the IAHR, if the currently proposed affiliations are approved, will be India. This is regrettable, since India, as one of the major homes of the religions of the world, has also produced a splendid array of scholars of religion. I would therefore challenge the Indian participants at this Congress to meet together here in Rome and to lay the foundations for a well organised Indian Association for the History of Religions, which I am sure would have a brilliant future.

Regional strategy is also conference strategy. However conference strategy is an organisational question and an economic question, especially in a world where economic imbalance seems to be common. We shall have to try to resolve these questions in a responsible manner in order to achieve an integrated development for our subject in the future. Current conference proposals include locations in China, France, Indonesia, Mexico, the Soviet Union, Turkey, the United States and Zimbabwe, but the details will have to be considered by the committees in the next few days.

It is striking that in most of these places the official languages are not the same as those four languages in which the IAHR journal Numen has been published in recent years, namely English, French, German and Italian. I am therefore proposing to the International Committee that the official languages of IAHR conferences should normally be three, namely, English, French, and the language(s) of the country or city in which the meeting takes place. Thus in Beijing Chinese would be added and in Mexico City Spanish. Prof. Peter Antes, from Germany, who has been supporting me as Deputy Secretary-General these past five years, will shortly be addressing the Congress in French in order to reinforce this point in a positive spirit.

One of the two new editors of the IAHR journal Numen, Prof. Hans Kippenberg, who also resides in Germany, will be speaking in English, at his own choice. At this point I would like publicly to express the appreciation of the Executive Committee, and I am sure of many others, for the care which has been shown for the journal by the outgoing editors Prof. Zwi Werblowsky and Prof. Mathieu Heerma van Voss. The other new editor is Prof. Thomas Lawson, chairman of the Department of Religion at the University of Western Michigan. Any matters to do with Numen should now be addressed to Prof. Kippenberg or Prof. Lawson. More details on future editorial arrangements will be found below.

During the Congress the IAHR secretariat will enjoy the services of three voluntary assistants from Marburg who may be able to give and certainly will be able to receive information or messages. They are Steffen Rink (publications), Katya Konrad and Beate Schütt.

(The oral presentation of this report concludes with a few words addressed to our Italian hosts.)

Michael Pye



### IAHR-related conferences

In addition to the major congresses the IAHR organises REGIONAL CONFERENCES, for which guidelines were agreed some years ago. Since the XVth Congress (Sydney) two regional conferences have been held, one in Groningen (1989), the academic programme of which was made known in a previous bulletin, and one in Helsinki (1990). A brief note on the latter, with a list of participants and their countries as made known at the conference is given below.

Furthermore the IAHR may organise a SPECIAL CONFERENCE, as at Marburg in 1988 and Warszawa 1989. The purpose of these small meetings is to consider a subject of special interest for the development of IAHR policies, and to provide a context in which experts on this subject can meet with members of the Executive or the International Committee.

The Executive Committee should meet once each year, if possible, and in future this may coincide with a meeting of the Editorial Board of Numen. It is very convenient if the International Committee can meet in the third year after the Congress, and thus two years before the next Congress (as last in 1988). These administrative meetings may all be held immediately following a regional or special conference. Hence the current perspective for IAHR-related conferences should be noted and questions still open should be considered by those affected.

The current perspective for future IAHR-related conferences is as follows:

1900 ROME	Congress (Int.Com.Exec.Com.Gen.Ass.)
1991 BURLINGTON VM	Special conference (Exec.Com.)
1991 BEIJING	Regional conference
1992 HARARE	Regional conference (Exec.Com.?)
1992 ISTANBUL	Special conference (Exec.Com.?)
1993 PARIS	Regional or Special conference (Int.Com.Exec.Com.)
1994 LENINGRAD/NOVOSIBIRSK	Regional conference (Exec.Com.)
1995 MEXICO	Proposed for Congress

The previously agreed criteria for IAHR co-sponsorship of regional conferences are as follows:

1. A proposal should normally emanate from an affiliated national association or see next.
2. Where there is, as yet, no affiliated national association the proposal may be devised in conjunction with a relevant institution in the country concerned, with a view to the long-term development of the subject in that country.
3. The conference should not normally be held in the same year as the quinquennial IAHR Congress, and under no circumstances at the same time.
4. There should normally be not more than one such conference in any one year.
5. The conference should be organised around a specific-theme in the field of the study of religion.
6. Participation at the conference should be limited and would normally be by invitation on a regional or regional-interest basis.
7. An organising committee (not necessarily responsible for the practical arrangements) should have some international and some IAHR representation, at least on a consultative basis.
8. The conference should not normally make any direct charge on central IAHR funds but the IAHR may assist with applications for third party finance from UNESCO (CIPSH) or other funds.

Regional Conference on Circumpolar and Northern Religion  
Helsinki, Finland, May 13-19, 1990

The conference was successfully held with a wealth of papers and many informal interactions between the participants. A list of participants is included below. The range of countries and ethnic identity (including peoples of the north) is quite noteworthy. At the same time the coherence of the academic focus, with expert interdisciplinary input by folklorists, linguists, anthropologists, etc. made of this a model regional conference of the IAHR. Organisation, by the Finnish Association for the Study of Religion and the Dept. of Religion, University of Helsinki, was excellent. There was substantial coverage of the event in the press, and on radio and television. The administrative committees were follows:

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It is assumed that in general the arrangements for the publication of IAHR Congress Proceedings require the approval of the Executive Committee and that the invitation to arrange publication would normally be addressed in the first instance to the national association of the country in which the Congress is held.

(Appendix to minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee at the University of Sydney on 23.8.1985)

Congress proceedings: Sydney 1985



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Numen

In view of the forthcoming transfer of the editorship of Numen, the official journal of the IAHR, at the Rome Congress, a meeting was called in Marburg on May 2nd this year, at which the following were present:

Secretary-General of the IAHR (convenor)  
 Prof. Hans Klippenberg (Bremen, FRG, Executive Editor, 1988-)  
 Prof. Thomas Lawson (Kalamazoo, USA, Executive Editor, 1990-)  
 Dr. Brigitte Luchesi (Bremen, Editorial Assistant)  
 Ms. Elisabeth Erdmann-Visser (Leiden, for the publishers, E.J.Brill,)

Not able to be present was Prof. David Ede (Kalamazoo, USA) who has also been named as an Editorial Assistant.

A wide range of policy issues and practical arrangements was discussed and a cooperative basis was prepared for the coming five year period.

In particular the details of the proposed new editorial structure were agreed (on the basis of much previous discussion and correspondence). In sum this structure is as follows:

- (1) For the five year period in question the executive responsibility will be carried by the two Executive Editors named above, who may each be assisted by an editorial assistant named by themselves.
- (2) The Executive Editors are in a general sense responsible to the Editorial Board, representing the IAHR. The Editorial Board will be identical with the Executive Committee of the IAHR. As far as possible the Executive Editors will meet with the Editorial Board once a year on the occasion of the meeting of the Executive Committee, the meeting being called by the Secretary-General who is responsible for liaison arrangements. (Meetings currently previewed are Rome 1990, Burlington 1991, Harare 1992, Paris 1993.) The purpose of these meetings is to provide an exchange of information and views, the practical running of Numen being left to the Executive Editors and their assistants.
- (3) In addition a number of honorary editors will be named, who will be asked to support the journal in wider academic circles and to give occasional advice. Proposals for a list of honorary editors are being prepared, but decisions in this respect will lie with the Editorial Board (in the first instance at its meeting in Rome).

Formal approval for this adjusted editorial structure will be sought at the meeting of the International Committee in Rome. In view of the great pressure of business, please address any questions to the Secretary-General in advance. Although the formal changeover is effected at the Congress in September the current editors, Prof. Heerma van Voss and Prof. Werblowsky, maintain responsibility for the second issue of 1990, appearing after the Congress, and the new editors have assumed responsibility for issues appearing in 1991 and beyond.

M.P.

Supplements to Numen

The series Supplements to Numen has now, with a "Festschrift" dedicated to Zwi Werblówsky, reached Number 50. To celebrate this event, in so far as Numen is the official organ of the IAHR, a complete list of the Supplement is appended. Member associations are requested to give some consideration to the range of subjects treated in the Supplements, and above all propose worthwhile manuscripts for the future. The publishers have made it clear that they prefer manuscripts to be in English, to encourage worldwide distribution. If there is a distinct IAHR interest in publishing in another major language, the Gen.-Secretary would be happy to be informed and to make appropriate representations.

Supplements to Numen:

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2. BLEEKER, C.J. (ed.). Anthropologie religieuse. 1955.
3. BLEEKER, C.J. Die Geburt eines Gottes. Eine Studie über den ägyptischen Gott Min und sein Fest. 1956.
4. The Sacral Kingship/La Regalità Sacra. Congress Rome, 1955.
5. ZANDEE, J. Death as an enemy according to Ancient Egyptian conceptions. 1960.
6. SCHIMMEL, A. Gabriel's Wing. A study of the religious ideas of Sir Muhammad Iqbal. 1963.
7. BLEEKER, C.J. The sacred bridge. Researches into the nature and structure of religion. 1963.
8. BOLLE, K.W. The persistence of religion. An essay on tantrism. Repr. 1971.
9. STOEFFLER, F.E. The rise of evangelical pietism. Repr. 1971.
10. BLEEKER, C.J. (ed.) Initiation. Contributions to the theme of the Study-Conference of the IAHR, held at Strasburg, 17.9.-22.9.1964. 1965.
11. JAMES, E.O. The tree of life. An archaeological study. 1966.
12. BIANCHI, U. (ed.). The origins of gnosticism. Colloquium Messina, 1966. Repr. 1970.
13. BLEEKER, C.J. Egyptian Festivals. Enactments of religious renewal. 1967.

14. Religions in Antiquity. Essays in memory of E.R. Goodenough. Ed. J. NEUSNER. Repr. 1970.
15. JURJI, E.J. (ed.) Religious pluralism and world community. Interfaith and intercultural communication. 1969.
16. JAMES, E.O. Creation and cosmology. 1969.
17. Liber Amicorum. Studies in honour of C.J. Bleeker. 1969.
18. WERBLOWSKY, R.J.Z. & C.J. BLEEKER (ed.). Types of redemption. Study Conference Jerusalem, 1968.
19. BIANCHI, U., C.J. BLEEKER & A. BAUSANI (ed.). Problems and methods of the history of religions. Study Conference Rome, 1969. 1972.
20. KERÉNYI, K. Zeus und Hera. Urbild des Vaters, des Gatten und der Frau. 1972.
21. Ex orbe religionum. Studia G. Widengren. Pars prior. 1972.
22. Ex orbe religionum. Studia G. Widengren. Pars altera. 1972.
23. RAMSARAN, J.A. English and Hindi religious poetry. 1973.
24. STOEFFLER, F.E. German pietism during the eighteenth century. 1973.
25. SABOURIN, L. Priesthood. A comparative study. 1973.
26. BLEEKER, C.J. Hathor and Thoth. Two key figures of the ancient Egyptian religion. 1973.
27. BOYD, J.W. Satan and Mara. Christian and Buddhist symbols of evil. 1975.
28. JOHNSON, R.A. The origins of demythologizing. The theology of R. Bultmann. 1974.
29. BERGGREN, E. The psychology of confession. 1975.
30. BLEEKER, C.J. The rainbow. A collection of studies in the science of religion. 1975.
31. BLEEKER, C.J., G. WIDENGREN & E.J. SHARPE (ed.). Proceedings of the 12th International Congress, Stockholm 1970. 1975.
32. Weg in die Zukunft. Festschrift A. Antweiler. Ed. A.-Th. KHOURY & M. WIEGELS. 1975.
33. SMITH, B.L. (ed.). Hinduism. New essays in the history of religions. Repr. 1982.
34. OLIVER, V.L. Caodai spiritism. A study of religion in Vietnamese society. 1976.

35. THURSBY, G.R. Hindu-Muslim relations in British India. 1975.
36. SCHIMMEL, A. Pain and grace. A study of two mystical writers of eighteenth century Muslim India. 1976.
37. ERGARDT, J.T. Faith and knowledge in early Buddhism. 1977.
38. BIANCHI, U. Selected essays on gnosticism. dualism and mysteriosophy. 1978.
39. Transitions and transformation in the history of religions. Essays in honor of J.M. Kitagawa. Ed. F.E. REYNOLDS & Th. M. LUDWIG. 1980.
40. GRIFFITH, J.G. The origins of Osiris and his cult. 1980.
41. LAYTON, B. (ed.). The rediscovery of Gnosticism.
  1. The School of Valentius. 1980.
  2. Sethian Gnosticism. 1981.
42. LAZARUS-YAFEH, H. Some religious aspects of Islam. 1981.
43. Studies in Egyptian religions dedicated to Prof. J. Zandee. Ed. M. HEERMA VAN VOSS et al. 1982.
44. AWN, P.J. Satan's tragedy and redemption. 1983.
45. Selected studies on ritual in the Indian religions. Essays to D. J. Hoens. Ed. R. KLOPPENBORG. 1983.
46. DAVIES, D.J. Meaning and salvation in religious studies. 1984.
47. GRAYSON, J.H. Early Buddhism and Christianity in Korea. 1985.
48. BALJON, J.M.S. Religion and thought of Shah Wali Allah Dihlawi. 1986.
49. BOLLE, K.W. (ed.). Secrecy in religion. 1987.
50. SHAKED, S., D. SHULMAN, G.G. STROUMSA. (ed.). Gilgul. Essays on Transformation, Revolution and Permanence in the History of Religions. Dedicated to R.J. Zwi Werblowsky. 1987.
51. PLAS, D. van der (ed.) Effigies Dei. Essays on the history of religions. 1987.

Supplementa ad Numen, Altera Series:

1. ORT, L.J.R. Mani. A religio-historical description of his personality. 1967.
2. WAGTENDONK, K. Fasting in the Koran. 1968.
3. OLDENBURG, U. The conflict between El and Ba'al in Canaanite religion. 1969.
4. WALKER, S.S. Ceremonial spirit possession in Africa and Afro-America. 1972.
5. SALIBA, J.A. 'Homo Religiosus' in Mircea Eliade. 1976.

Science of ReligionIndex and Abstracts of Recent Articles

The editors of Science of Religion would be happy to receive suggestions via IAHR member organisations about the following points.

1. The scope and content of this abstracting service.
2. Possible contributors of summaries, especially in the fields of Buddhism, Hinduism, anthropology/ethnology (with a bearing on religion).
3. Institutions in higher education, in economically disadvantaged countries, which might qualify for a subsidised (free) copy of the journal.

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Appended below is the statement on the objective and scope of Science of Religion which is usually printed in each issue.

The objective of Science of Religion is to provide a systematic bibliography of articles contributing to the academic study of religions, with a view to facilitating the international collaboration of all scholars whose work has a bearing on the subject (c.f. Article 1 of the constitution of the International Association for the History of Religions). To this end each issue contains a list of articles with abstracts drawn from a wide range of journals. Each issue is provided with an author index and a subject index. The journal contains a comprehensive range of abstracts in English from Dutch, English, French and German originals, and abstracts from other languages to the extent that these can be made available in English. Certain areas of study - e.g. the field of Biblical studies - are omitted which, though theoretically a part of the study of religions, are well provided elsewhere with an abstracting service. Nevertheless abstracts are provided in the case of articles which are of striking interest for the wider study of religion.

Annuals and less frequently issued volumes are not included, being counted as books rather than journals. Articles dealing with purely textual, archaeological, general historical, sociological or other matters not directly relevant to the study of religion are not included. Articles written from a theological standpoint within a particular faith are also not included. For these reasons some journals listed are abstracted in their entirety while from others only occasional articles are selected. Clearly there are many cases where the decision to include or exclude an article is extremely difficult, and the editors will welcome any opinions which subscribers may wish to send for consideration. All abstracts are descriptive in character and do not imply either commendation or criticism of the contents of articles.

### Religiones Latinoamericanas

The purpose of this new journal, of which the first issue will be appearing shortly, is to analyse both traditional and more recently occurring forms of religion in Latin America, bringing together the efforts of latin-american and foreign researchers. At the same time the latin-american members of the editorial council stand in close relationship to the newly founded Asociacion Latinoamericana para los Estudios de las Religiones (although the attention of this association is not necessarily restricted to latin-american religion). The journal will have two issues each year with articles on both theoretical questions and case studies. These will be accompanied by a bibliographical annual which is expected to attract a subsidy through association with the IAHR, which may therefore be regarded as a sponsor. The journal does not have any religious or confessional affiliations. It has been launched largely as a result of the latin-american meetings on Popular Religion and Ethnicity which have been held in recent years at the National School of Anthropology and History in Mexico, attracting participants from all over Latin America and elsewhere.

Further information may be obtained from Professor Elio Masferrer who is present at the Congress.

### Further bibliographical desiderata

The two items immediately preceding underline the importance of bibliographical work in the coordination of scholarship across the world. Since this is one of the main functions of the IAHR the bibliographical organs should be kept under critical review. In particular it may be desirable to find ways of complementing Science of Religion in other ways too, especially as regards work done in major, yet widely unknown languages such as Chinese and Russian. Might the bibliographical annual of the new journal Religiones Latinoamericanas prove to be a model in this regard?

Needless to say, there are major bibliographical resources which do not stand in any particular relationship to the IAHR, e.g. the substantial Bulletin Signalétique, which is surely known to and used by many. The IAHR-sponsored attempt to provide a comprehensive bibliographical survey of monographs had to be abandoned several years ago; in a rapidly expanding field it was no longer possible to keep pace with the publication output. It is some comfort that monographs on a particular subject can often be identified in other ways, particularly through the review sections of the more specialised journals. However one particularly important gap has remained, namely the analysis of jointly authored volumes which are not periodicals and hence not covered by Science of Religion, i.e. conference proceedings, commemoration volumes etc.. Can some way be found to meet this need?

Proposals may be communicated to the incoming Executive Committee.

Minutes of the General Assembly

The General Assembly of the IAHR met at the Great Hall of the University of Sydney on Friday, 23 August 1985, at 10.15 a.m., with the President, Prof. Annemarie Schimmel, in the Chair.

1. The President declared the Assembly open.
2. The Secretary-General apologised (in French) for the anglophone character of what was technically an "international congress", but pointed to the constraints of participation and the majority language of participants. He next read the paragraphs of the Statutes of the IAHR relevant to the work of the General Assembly.
3. The Secr.-Gen. presented to the General Assembly for their endorsement the recommendations of the International Committee. The reports of the Secretariat, the Hon. Treasurer and the Editors were accepted. In answer to a question from the floor the Hon. Treasurer confirmed that the assets of the IAHR were kept in an interest-bearing account. The Secr.-Gen. also announced that the IAHR had become a co-sponsoring organisation of CISHAAN (formerly the "International Orientalist Congress") and that new member groups were developing whilst old established ones were disappearing due to the demise of their most active organisers or for other reasons. Meanwhile individual and institutional contacts were increasingly strengthened so as to encourage the formation of new member-groups and the participation of scholars from countries without member groups (cf. the presence at the present congress of scholars from China and Pakistan). The Secr.-Gen., in his function of co-editor of IAHR publications, also publicly thanked the members of the Editorial Advisory Board and the many unnamed scholars who were reading and vetting mss. and advising the Editors. Without their selfless collaboration the publication programme of the IAHR would be an impossibility.
4. The list of candidates elected by the International Committee gave rise to an animated discussion, centering mainly on the alleged one-sidedness of the composition of the Executive Board. The Secr.-Gen. and others pointed out that the IAHR was not a World Forum or a mini-UNO but an umbrella-organisation of constituent member groups. It was the body of duly designated delegates of these member groups (i.e., the International Committee) which elected their Executive Board. No purpose would be served by confusing the International Committee with the Executive Board. An extension of the Board would require a revision of the Constitution. The Assembly nevertheless urged the the incoming Exec. Board to explore ways and means to add personalities to the Board so as to make the latter more representative. The list of elections presented by the International Committee was thereupon endorsed.
5. The application of the Danish Association for membership in the IAHR was approved.
6. The invitations for the 1990 Congress were presented by Professors Bianchi (Rome) and Pentikainen (Helsinki). The Polish invitation was transmitted by the Secr.-Gen. Prof. Pentikainen indicated that there was still some uncertainty whether Finland would prefer a full-fledged Congress or a smaller colloquium. In the circumstances the General Assembly decided that the Exec. Board examine the question and, after obtaining the necessary clarifications and information, take a final decision.



7. The outgoing Secr.-Gen. gave his farewell address.
8. The new Secr.-Gen. made his speech of acceptance.
9. In her closing address, the President expressed the thanks of the IAHR and the Congress participants (and in particular those from abroad) to the hosts and especially to the University of Sydney, the Australian and particularly the Sydney Organising Committee as well as all the institutions, authorities and agencies that helped to make the 15th IAHR Congress such a success. At the conclusion of her address the President declared the Congress closed.

(Minutes prepared by Zwi Werblowsky)

International Committee IAHR

Minutes of a meeting of the International Committee of the IAHR 18.6.1988, Religionskundliche Sammlung, University of Marburg, Marburg.

Members present: (listed by surnames only): Schimmel (presiding), Antes, Bianchi, Kim, Pye, Tamaru, Tyloch, Werblowsky, Wiebe, van Lier (as members of Executive Committee); Heerma van Voss (coopted); Canada: Alton, Rousseau, Denmark: Geertz, Jensen, Finland: Ahlbäck, Honko, France: Monnot, Germany: von Stietencron, (Antes), Israel: (Werblowsky), Italy: (Bianchi), Casadio, Japan: Sonoda, (Tamaru), Korea: (Kim), Netherlands: (Heerma van Voss), Platvoet, Poland: (Tyloch), Sweden: Bergman, Switzerland: Stolz, United Kingdom: McKenzie, Thomas, U.S.A. (ASSR): Oxtoby, Streng. (Repeated names are in brackets.)

Several other conference participants were present (c.f. participants list) and were invited to speak on topics relevant to the agenda arising out of the conference. Professors Lawson and Martin (U.S.A.) were present as observers with respect to topic 9 (NAASR) and Prof. Holm (Finland) was present as organizer of the forthcoming conference of CISR (see below).

Agenda. Topics were dealt with as shown below, not in the order of the draft agenda circulated. Before the formal agenda began various announcements were made. In particular Dr. Ahlbäck announced the continuation of the series SCRIPTA INSTITUTI DONNERIANI ABOENSIS with the publication of Vol. XII entitled Saami Religion and the availability to interested members of a recently initiated current contents journal (details on request). A second important announcement was made by Prof. J. Paper (York Univ., Ontario) who gave details of the recently formed Society for the Study of Native American Religious Traditions (for further details see IAHR BULLETIN 9, where these minutes also appear).

1. Cooption. It was agreed that Prof. Heerma van Voss, as Numen editor, should be coopted to the International Committee, as recommended by the Executive Committee at its meeting of 17.6.1988.
2. Implications of the Marburg conference findings for the IAHR. Reports from each of the three working groups of the immediately preceding conference were presented orally: Working Group 1 (General) presented by (A) Prof. Wiebe and (B) Dr. Platvoet. Working Group 2 (Islamic countries) presented by Prof. Oxtoby, and Working Group 3 (East Asia, especially China) presented by Prof. Ching.

These reports, without commitment to all details, were accepted in principle by the International Committee. Both Working Group 2 (Islamic countries) and Working Group 3 (East Asia, esp. China) called for practical steps to be taken to bring about at least regional IAHR conferences in these areas as soon as possible, e.g. in 1991 or 1992, after the Rome Congress. (The reports of these groups will be made available in extended form in future.) The report of Group 1 (General, and de facto, Africa) was divided into two parts and included the following organisational proposals:

A General recommendations:

1. That the increased communication between the IAHR Executive Committee/Secretariat and member associations be maintained and developed, both via the IAHR Bulletin and by meetings such as the present one; that the Exec. Committee itself should meet more frequently (e.g. once annually); and that such meetings of either committee should be used to contribute to the development of more varied regional awareness within the IAHR.
2. That regional conferences should be encouraged where several national associations are in close proximity with each other; and that similarly regional associations should be considered to assist such liaison - e.g. a "European Academy of Religion".
3. That the IAHR should promote studies of the history of the discipline and also of questions of method and theory.
4. That ways should be found to encourage the participation of scholars who do not belong to national associations but contribute significantly to the subject.
5. That some investigation into "the extent of the domain of the academic study of religion" be undertaken, both in areas where it flourishes and in areas where it is weak or declining.
6. That an investigation of "pragmatics" should be undertaken: critical and systematic reflection on the influence of studies of religion, or the use to which they are put, outside the academic realm.

B Recommendations related to Africa South of the Sahara:

1. It is recommended :
  - (a) that attempts be made to improve communications between IAHR and the presently existing affiliates in Africa;
  - (b) that the possibility of personal membership be made known to scholars of religions in those African nations where they are too few to form a national affiliate;
  - (c) that such members be encouraged to form regionally based affiliates;
  - (d) that a team be recruited and commissioned to do follow-up studies on the institutional contexts of the study of religions in Africa as suggested by Platvoet (see pp. 17-18 of the Conference Guide).
2. It is also recommended that the IAHR promote the exchange of African and Euro-American scholars of religions by
  - (a) identifying those who might be involved in such exchanges;
  - (b) promoting actual exchanges by recommendations and other, esp. financial, support.

3. It is recommended that IAHR conferences be held in Africa, either study conferences, e.g. on 'The Study of Religions in Africa', or an International Conference.

Since the detailed implications of the working groups (including the Africa-related aspects of Working Group 1) were a matter for further work, it was agreed that informal working groups should be coordinated on a correspondence basis by Prof. Antes (Islamic countries), Dr. Platvoet (Africa South of the Sahara) and Prof. Seiwert (China).

3. Relations with C.I.S.R. (Conférence Internationale de Sociologie des Religions). After hearing a brief account of the activities of the CISR (also known as ICSR: International Conference for the Study of Religion) it was agreed that liaison between CISR and IAHR should be encouraged, especially with regard to the location and timing of conferences. It was noted that, since the CISR conferences follow a two-year cycle, the next coincidence with a major IAHR Congress would occur in 1995, and it was agreed that a joint venue should be considered either for 1993 (IAHR regional conference?) or 1995.
4. Nordic Commission on Research in the History of Religions (NORREL). The formation of a regional association to promote cooperation between the IAHR-affiliated societies of the Nordic countries: Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden, on October 10th 1987 in Lund, was welcomed. The official title of the organisation is Swedish: Nordiska Samarbetskommittén för Religionshistorisk Forskning, hence the abbreviation NORREL. Founding members were (almost identical with the current presidents and secretaries of the relevant IAHR-affiliated bodies): A.W. Geertz (Århus), J.P. Sørensen (Copenhagen), L. Honko (Åbo), T. Ahlbäck (Åbo), S. Bjerke (Oslo), R.B. Finnestad (Bergen), J. Bergman (Uppsala) and Å. Ström (Lund). (Detailed information is carried in IAHR BULLETIN 9, where these minutes also appear.)
5. Coordination of conference arrangement in Europe.

Dr. Platvoet (Netherlands) reported as follows:

BAHR Secretary Terry Thomas, DAHR Secretary Jeppe Sinding Jensen, DVRG representative Peter Antes, F.S.S.C. Secretary Tore Ahlbäck and NGG Secretary J.G. Platvoet met during the conference to inform each other about the views of their respective boards about the Dutch proposal to promote academic communication between the 7 NW European affiliates by means of exchange of bulletins and a rotational scheme of regional conferences for NW Europe.

From these reports, it became apparent that all in principle wish to promote increased communication, but that some fear the extra strain which a regional conference will impose upon their often severely limited manpower resources.

It was agreed

- (a) to begin to exchange bulletins and all other pertinent information
- (b) to continue consultations about the rotational scheme and to aim to achieve a consensus about its desirability and feasibility by 1990.

6. Future conference locations.

It was agreed that, in accordance with the tenor of the reports, efforts should be made to locate future IAHR conferences outside Europe and North America. The following perspective was considered realistic for the period beyond the Rome Congress in 1990.

1991 China

1992 An Islamic country (?)

1993 S. America (?) (N.B. CISR connection)

1994 open (an Islamic country? Africa?)

1995 Congress: S. America (?) Poland (Warsaw) (?) (N.B. CISR connection) or South-East Asia.

This perspective was not intended to inhibit the increasing coordination between the affiliated associations of European countries (c.f. points 4 and 5 above).

7. Constitutional adjustments. The three constitutional adjustments recommended by the Executive Committee (17.6.1988), to the need of which attention had been drawn in IAHR BULLETIN 2 and 5, were discussed and unanimously approved for recommendation to the General Assembly to be held in the context of the Rome Congress in 1990. The recommendations are:

- (i) To remove the word "CONSTITUTION" from heading.
- (ii) To remove the words "for endorsement" from the final sentence of the first paragraph of article 4 c.
- (iii) To add to article 5: "A meeting of the Executive Committee requires a minimum attendance of five of its members." To add to article 6: "A meeting of the International Committee requires a minimum attendance of ten members from a minimum of seven national associations."

8. Executive committee items. The following further items from the agenda of the Executive Committee were reported, briefly discussed, and where relevant approved: Nominating Committee, Numen arrangements, CIPSH meetings and support programmes, Financial statement. (For details see minutes of Executive Committee.) (The financial statement, which is printed separately, will be made available to officers of national associations not present at the meeting.)

9. NAASR. The request of the North American Association for the Study of Religion (NAASR) for affiliation to IAHR was considered in detail. Professor Luther Martin, current president of NAASR, and in attendance at the meeting, presented the request via the Secretary-General in the following terms:

"The North American Association for the study of Religion requests affiliation with the International Association of the History of Religions as a representative body for scholars from the United States of America.

<The North American Association for the Study of Religion is incorporated in the state of Vermont, U.S.A. as a non-profit corporation

and has received tax exempt status under section 501 of the United States Internal Revenue Code.>"

In view of the fact that the AASR is not open to a wide membership it was proposed that affiliation of NAASR should entail representation of the two bodies on the International Committee by one representative for each organisation. It was agreed unanimously (with one abstention) that affiliation, with the above-mentioned implication, should be recommended to the next General Assembly (1990) for approval.

10. Rome Congress 1990. Professor Bianchi gave a short report on the organisation now in progress and the favourable number of initial registrations. There was some discussion about the range of subject areas planned, and Professor Bianchi explained the relationship of the overall theme to the particular subject areas.
11. Any other business. The Secretary-General reported on a letter from a group of students of Religious Studies organised in Germany which queried the appropriateness of a South African association being affiliated to the IAHR in view of current U.N. policy. While the humanitarian concern of the authors of the letter was welcomed it was pointed out by members, in support of continued affiliation, that (a) the association in question bears the name "Association for the Study of Religion (Southern Africa)" and hence is not identifiable with the state of South Africa and (b) that the de facto membership of the association was such that affiliation and consequent contacts were extremely worthwhile from many points of view.

M.P.

N.B. These minutes have not yet been formally approved.

Agenda for meetings during the CongressExecutive Committee (outgoing) (3.9.90, 9.30 a.m.)

- 1 Minutes of last meeting
- 2 Report by Secretary-General
- 3 Report by Treasurer
- 4 Future conference locations
- 5 XVII Congress (1995)
- 6 Any other business

International Committee (5.9.90, 10.00 a.m.)

- 1 Ascertainment of membership and observers
- 2 Cooption of further members (as allowed by statutes)
- 3 Minutes of last meeting
- 4 Report by Secretary-General (circulated in advance)
- 5 Report by Treasurer (to be tabled)
- 6 Recommendation of amendments to the statutes
- 7 Election of Executive Committee 1990-95
- 8 Future conference locations
- 9 XVII Congress (1995)
- 10 Publications programme
  - (i) Numen (editorial arrangements)
  - (ii) Science of Religion (contributors)
  - (iii) Revista Latinoamericana (subsidy)
  - (iv) Congress and conference proceedings
- 11 Language policy: (i) conferences (ii) publications
- 12 Legal incorporation of IAHR and contractual obligations
- 13 Any other business

General Assembly (8.9.90, 11.00 a.m.)

- 1 Introductory remarks by the president of the IAHR
- 2 Constitutional amendments proposed by the International Committee
- 3 Executive Committee 1990-1995 (report of election)
- 4 Affiliation of recently formed associations
- 5 Announcements with respect to the publications programme
- 6 XVII Congress (1995)
- 7 Any other business
- 8 Closing remarks by the outgoing president
- 9 Closing remarks by the incoming president

Executive Committee (incoming) (8.9.90, 12.30 a.m.)

- 1 General policy discussion
- 2 Arrangements for future meetings
- 3 Budgetary questions
- 4 Any other business

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(immediately following Executive Committee)

International Committee

The International Committee is currently constituted in accordance with Article 4b of the Statutes, as follows:

A. National and regional societies

AUSTRALIA

The Australian Association for the Study of Religion  
 President: Dr. Ann E. Gardner; Treasurer: Dr. Rod Bucknell  
 Secretary: Rev. Scott Cowdell, Dept. of Studies in Religion,  
 University of Queensland, St. Lucia, Qld. 4067,  
 Australia.

Alternative representative(s):

BELGIUM

President: ; Treasurer:  
 Secretary:  
 Alternative representative(s):

CANADA

Société Canadienne pour l'Etude de la Religion  
 Canadian Society for the Study of Religion  
 President: Dr. Martin Rumscheidt; Treasurer: Prof. Todd Lawson  
 Secretary: Prof. Roy Amore, Religious Studies, University of  
 Windsor, Windsor, Ont. N9B 3P4. Canada.

Alternative representative(s): L. Rousseau (Quebec), M. Nefsky

DENMARK

Dansk Selskab for Religionshistorie  
 (Danish Association for the History of Religion)  
 President: Prof. Armin Geertz; Treasurer: Prof. Per Bilde  
 Secretary: Mr. Eric Reenberg Sand, M.A., Institut for Religions-  
 historie, Aarhus Universitet, Hovedbygningen,  
 8000 Aarhus C, Denmark.

Alternative representative(s):

FINLAND

Suomen Uskontotieteellinen Seura  
 Religionsvetenskapliga Sällskapet i Finland  
 (Finnish Society for the Study of Religion)  
 President: Prof. Lauri Honko; Treasurer: Merkonom Maj-Lis Fagerholm  
 Secretary: Dr. Tore Ahlbäck, Donner Institute for Research in  
 Religions and Cultural History, Gezeliusgatan 2,  
 20500 Abo, Finland.

Alternative representative(s):



## FRANCE

Société Ernest Renan (Société Française d'Histoire des Religions)  
 President: Prof. Raymond Bloch; Treasurer: Prof. Ernest-Marie  
 Laperrousaz

Secretary: Prof. André Caquot, Professeur au Collège de France,  
 Membre de l'Institut 1, rue Monticelli, 75014 Paris.

Alternative representative(s):

## GERMANY

Deutsche Vereinigung für Religionsgeschichte (DVRG)

Chairman: Prof. Peter Antes, Lehrgebiet Religionswissenschaft,  
 Bismarckstrasse 2, 3000 Hannover 1, Fed. Rep. of Germany.

Vice-Chairman: Prof. Heinrich von Stietencron; Treasurer:  
 Prof. Hubert Seiwert. (correspondence to Chairman)

Alternative representative(s):

## HUNGARY

President: Dr. Mihály Hoppál; Treasurer: Dr. Elek Bartha  
 Secretary: Ms. Irén Lovász, Hunyadi Janos ut 17 m.f. 1/a,  
 1011 Budapest, Hungary.

Alternative representative(s):

## ISRAEL

President: Prof. Zwi Werbloswky; Treasurer & Secretary:  
 Prof. Gruy Stroumsa, Hebrew Univ. of Jerusalem, Mt. Scopus.  
 Alternative representative(s): Prof. I Gruenwald (Tel Aviv),  
 Prof. M. Mach (Tel Aviv)

## ITALY

Società Italiana di Storia delle Religioni

Treasurer: Prof. Giulia Gasparro

Secretary: Prof. Ugo Bianchi, Viale Libia 5, 00199 Roma,

Alternative representative(s):

## JAPAN

Nihon Shūkyō Gakkai

President: Prof. Noriyoshi Tamaru, Dept. of Religious Studies,  
 University of Tokyo, 7-3-1 Hongo, Bunkyo-ku 113 Japan.

Alternative representative(s): Prof. M. Araki; Prof. M. Sonoda

## KOREA

Korean Association for the History of Religions  
 President: Prof. Kim, Sung-Hae, Dept. of Religious Studies, Sogang Univ., 1 Sinsu Dong, Mapo Gu, Seoul, Korea (121-080);  
 Treasurer: Prof. Yi, Chi-Soo; Secretary: Prof. Yi, Eun-Bon  
 Alternative representative(s): Prof. Yun, Yi-Hum  
 (N.B. correspondence to President)

## MEXICO

Mexican Association for the History of Religions  
 President: Prof. B. Dahlgren; Treasurer: Dr. I. Garriga  
 Secretary: Dr. Y. Gonzalez, Museo del Carmen, Mexico City.  
 Alternative representative(s):

## NETHERLANDS

Nederlands Genootschap van Godsdienstwetenschap  
 President: Prof. L. Leertouwer; Treasurer: Dr. L. P. van den Bosch  
 Secretary: Dr. J. G. Platvoet, Gildenring 52, 2981 JG Bunnik,  
 Netherlands.  
 Alternative representative(s):

## NIGERIA

Nigerian Association for the Study of Religions (NASR)  
 President: Dr. R. D. Abubakre; Treasurer: Rev. Dr. C. A. Dime  
 Secretary:  
 Alternative representative(s):

## NORWAY

President: Prof. Svein Bjerke; Treasurer: Prof. Kari Vogt  
 Secretary: Prof. Ragnild Bjerre Finnestad, Institutt for  
 Religionshistorie, Universitetet i Bergen,  
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 Alternative representative(s):

## POLAND

Polskie Towarzystwo Religioznawce  
 (Societe Polonaise de Science des Religions)  
 President: Prof. Witold Tyloch; Treasurer: Prof. Henry Swienko  
 Secretary: Dr. Zbigniew Stachowski, Polskie Towarzystwo  
 Religioznawce, Palac Kultury i Nauki, p. XVI,  
 pok. 1603, 00-901 Warszawa, Poland.  
 Alternative representative(s): Prof. Margul, Prof. Szmyd

## SOUTHERN AFRICA

Association for the Study of Religion (Southern Africa) (ASRSA)  
 Chairman: Prof. J. S. Kruger; Treasurer: Mr P. S. Maxwell  
 Secretary: Dr. Anil Sooklal, Dept. of Hindu Studies, University of  
 Durban-Westville, Private Bag X54001, 4000 Durban.  
 Alternative representative(s): Dr. T. Naidoo (Durban)

## SWEDEN

Svenska Samfundet för Religionshistorisk Forskning  
 (Swedish Association for Research in the History of Religions)  
 President: Prof. Jan Bergman; Treasurer: Dr. Gundmar Aneer  
 Secretary: Dr. Ake Ström, Nehrmaus väg 2, 22223 Lund, Sweden.  
 Alternative representative(s): Prof. Ford Olsson (Lund)

## SWITZERLAND

Societe Suisse pour la Science des Religions (SSSR)  
 Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Religionswissenschaft (SGR)  
 President: Prof. Fritz Stolz; Treasurer: M. Joachim Finger  
 Secretary: Prof. Walter Burkert, Wildbergstrasse 8, 8610 Ulster,  
 Switzerland  
 Alternative representative(s):

## UNITED KINGDOM

British Association for the Study of Religions  
 President: Dr. Peter McKenzie; Treasurer: Rev. Alan Rogers  
 Secretary: Dr. Terence Thomas, Open University in Wales,  
 24, Cathedral Road, Cardiff CF1 9SA, Wales, U.K.  
 Alternative representative(s):

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

American Society of the Study of Religion (ASSR)  
 President: Prof. Frederick Streng; Treasurer: Prof. Robert Tapp  
 Secretary: Prof. Niels C. Nielson, JR., Dept. of Religious Studies,  
 Rice University, P.O. Box 1892, Houston, Texas 77251, USA  
 Alternative representative(s):

## B. Executive Committee

Prof. Peter Antes (Deputy Secretary-General)	Fed. Rep. of Germany
Prof. J.O. Awolalu	Nigeria
Prof. U. Bianchi (Vice-President)	Italy
Prof. Sung-Hae Kim	Rep. of Korea
Prof. M. Pye (Secretary-General)	Fed. Rep. of Germany
Prof. Annemarie Schimmel (President)	USA/Germany
Prof. N. Tamaru	Japan
Prof. W. Tyloch	Poland
Dr. H. van Lier (Honorary Treasurer)	Netherlands
Prof. Z. Werblowsky (Vice-President)	Israel
Prof. D. Wiebe	Canada

N.B. Prof. Awolalu and Prof. Tamaru are unable to attend and have sent their apologies.

## C. Coopted Member(s)

Prof. M. Heerma van Voss (for Numen)

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The election procedures for the Executive Committee (including the officers) of the IAHR are set out in the statutes. In accordance with these the proposals of the Nominating Committee have been made known to the current members of the International Committee, that is, to the Presidents and the Secretaries of the associations affiliated to the IAHR and to the other ex officio or coopted members. The Members of the International Committee may propose alternative nominations up to one month before the next Congress. It is not constitutional for alternative proposals to be made thereafter or during the Congress itself. Nominations are therefore now *closed*.

From the Statutes (Article C)

The Executive Committee is composed of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a General Secretary, a Treasurer, and five other members. The officers in particular, and the members of the Executive Committee in general shall be chosen in such a way as reasonably to reflect various parts of the world where academic study of religion is pursued in its various disciplines. A Nominating Committee, appointed by the Executive Committee, shall submit nominations for the next Executive Committee to the members of the International Committee by mail not more than twelve months and not less than nine months prior to each international congress. Members of the International Committee may propose alternative nominations not less than one month prior to each international congress. The International Committee, at its meeting just preceding the General Assembly shall elect the Executive Committee and shall report this to the General Assembly for endorsement.

The members of the Executive Committee shall hold office for one quinquennial term each and be subject to reelection, but not more than two-third of the Committee shall be carried on from one term to the next, and no one member shall serve in the same office more than two terms (with the exception of the Hon. Treasurer).

The following nominations have been received (please excuse surnames only):

For president: Prof. Bianchi (Rome); for vice-president: Prof. Leclant (Paris), Prof. Tyloch (Warsaw), Prof. Werblowsky (Jerusalem); for secretary-general: Prof. Pye (Marburg); for treasurer: Prof. Geertz (Arhus), Dr. van Lier (Utrecht); for deputy secretary-general: Prof. Sullivan (Cambridge Mass.); as further members: Prof. Abubakre (Ilorin), Prof. Antes (Hannover), Prof. Araki (Tsukuba), Prof. Bäckman (Stockholm), Dr. Gonzalez (Mexico City), Prof. Kim (Seoul), Prof. Nowaczyk (Warsaw), Prof. Wiebe (Toronto).

o 20 Abubakre	- 27 Gonzalez
- 27 Antes	o 13 Kim
o 15 Araki	8 Nowaczyk
- 25 Bäckman	- 21 Wiebe

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**A** INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE HISTORY OF  
RELIGIONS — NOTICE OF PROPOSED  
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

According to Article 8 of the constitution of the IAHR the statutes may be modified only by the General Assembly at the recommendation of the International Committee. The International Committee at its meeting in June 1988 at Marburg decided to make the following recommendations.

1) That the word "statutes" be dropped from the title and the text of the constitution, leaving, or being replaced, by the word "constitution" only.

2) That the phrase "for endorsement" be removed from the final sentence of the first paragraph of article 4c.

3) That the following sentence be added to Article 5: "A meeting of the Executive Committee requires a minimum attendance of five of its members."

4) That the following sentence be added to Article 6: "A meeting of the International Committee requires a minimum attendance of ten members from a minimum of seven national associations."

These recommendations will therefore be placed before the General Assembly of the IAHR at the XVI International Congress to be held in Rome, September 3-9, 1990.

A brief clarification of the second recommendation above may be of assistance. The sentence referred to runs as follows: "The International Committee, at its meeting just preceding the General Assembly, shall elect the Executive Committee and shall report this to the General Assembly for endorsement." Thus it is quite clear that the Executive Committee is elected by the International Committee, which itself is composed of the elected representatives or appointees of the national associations constituting the IAHR. However it is not at all clear what "endorsement" by the General Assembly could mean. Since the General Assembly cannot elect an alternative Executive Committee, non-endorsement would be destructive if not meaningless. The recommendation set out above seeks to remove this anomaly and thereby to clarify the democratic procedures of the IAHR. This clarification should be read in conjunction with the announcement regarding elections which is published below.

**B** Amendment to the Statutes of the IAHR

The International Committee recommends the following amendment to the Statutes of the IAHR:

To replace the first sentence of article 4 c by the following:  
"The Executive Committee is composed of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a General-Secretary, a Deputy General-Secretary, a Treasurer, and six other members."

N.B. This proposed amendment includes "Deputy General-Secretary" as an office, following the informal practice of the past fifteen years. It also increases the total number of members from ten to twelve.

If agreed by the International Committee this proposal will be put to the General Assembly together with those agreed in 1988 and since published in Numen.

## The Constitution Of The International Association For The History Of Religions

*As accepted and confirmed by the General Assembly of the IAHR at its XIIIth International Congress held in Stockholm on August 22nd 1970 and amended by the General Assembly at the XIIIth International Congress held in Lancaster on August 22nd 1975.*

### ARTICLE 1

The International Association for the History of Religions (abbreviated, from its English title, to IAHR), founded in September 1950 on the occasion of the VIth International History of Religions Congress, is a worldwide organization which has as its object the promotion of the academic study of the history of religions through the international collaboration of all scholars whose research has a bearing on the subject.

### ARTICLE 2

The IAHR seeks to achieve this object:

- (a) by holding regular international congresses and occasional symposia and colloquia;
- (b) by publishing the proceedings of such congresses and meetings;
- (c) by assisting the formation of national and regional associations of historians of religions;
- (d) by encouraging and sponsoring publications of general interest to the study of the history of religions: e.g. an international review, bibliographical bulletins, monograph series;
- (e) by taking all appropriate steps to encourage and further the academic study of the history of religions.

### ARTICLE 3A

The IAHR is constituted by national or multi-national (regional) societies for the academic study of religions. These are such societies as are now members and such societies as apply for membership and, on recommendation of the Executive and International Committees (see below), may be admitted by the General Assembly at future International Congresses.

### ARTICLE 3B

To the IAHR may be affiliated:

- (a) International associations for the academic study of particular areas within the history of religions;
- (b) Individual scholars for whom there is no appropriate national or regional society. Affiliation is effected by the application to the Executive and International Committees and by approval of the General Assembly.

### ARTICLE 4

The work of the IAHR is carried out through (a) the General Assembly; (b) the International Committee; and (c) the Executive Committee.

(a) The General Assembly of the Association meets at each international congress and is composed of all members of constituent societies of the association present at that congress. The General Assembly may take action only on matters referred to it from the International Committee, and it may refer any matter to the International or Executive Committees for consideration and report.

(b) The International Committee is composed of:

- (i) Two representatives each of the constituent national and regional societies, except that there shall not be more than two representatives from any one country.
- (ii) The Executive Committee (see below).
- (iii) Up to four individual members co-opted by the International Committee on the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

(c) The Executive Committee is composed of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a General Secretary, a Treasurer, and five other members. The officers in particular, and the members of the Executive Committee in general, shall be chosen in such a way as reasonably to reflect various parts of the world where academic study of religion is pursued in its various disciplines. A Nominating Committee, appointed by the Executive Committee, shall submit nominations for the next Executive Committee to the members of the International Committee by mail not more than twelve months and not less than nine months prior to each international congress. Members of the International Committee may propose alternate nominations not less than one month prior to each international congress. The International Committee, at its meeting just preceding the General Assembly, shall elect the Executive Committee and shall report this to the General Assembly for endorsement. The members of the Executive Committee shall hold office for one quinquennial term each and be subject to re-election, but not more than two-thirds of the Committee shall be carried on from one term to the next, and no one member shall serve in the same office more than two terms. In the event of the death or resignation of any serving officer of the Association, a suitable replacement may be nominated after consultation among the remaining officials, and shall serve, subject to the written approval of a majority of members of the Executive Committee, until the next quinquennial congress.

### ARTICLE 5

The Executive Committee, or at least the President, General Secretary and Treasurer of the Association shall, if possible, meet at least once a year for the transaction of such necessary business as may arise between congresses. The General Secretary shall circulate the minutes of such meetings to all members of the Executive Committee.

### ARTICLE 6

The International Committee shall meet on the occasion of each congress, between the meeting of the Executive Committee and that of the General Assembly, and more often if necessary. It reports to the General Assembly.

### ARTICLE 7

The resources of the IAHR consist of:

- (a) annual contributions paid by the constituent societies, affiliated societies and individual members, the amount of which is assessed by the Executive Committee; and
  - (b) grants, donations and other sources of revenue.
- An audited report will be submitted to the International Committee at every international congress.

### ARTICLE 8

The Constitution may be modified only by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the International Committee.

### NOTE ON MEMBERSHIP

A person is automatically a member of the International Association if that person belongs to one or another of the national organizations that constitute the International Association or, where no such national organization exists, that person has been awarded individual membership.